

St Lawrence Church

HELPING MORDEN TO KNOW JESUS



2024 Finance & Giving

This leaflet is intended for people who come to St Lawrence regularly. If you're a guest you're welcome to read it, but we're not asking you for money!

Your Giving

When we talk about "Church Finance" we mean "what we do with the money you give". We don't get Government support, or money from some central CofE fund, it's all from giving, and all supports our work of mission in the name of Jesus Christ - so thank you!

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Budget

Your Church Council (the 'District Church Council', or DCC) puts together a budget each year to help us manage our finance with care. For 2024, we've set a **target** for our giving, which includes giving specific amounts to our **Mission Partners**.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing ..." (Malachi 3:10)

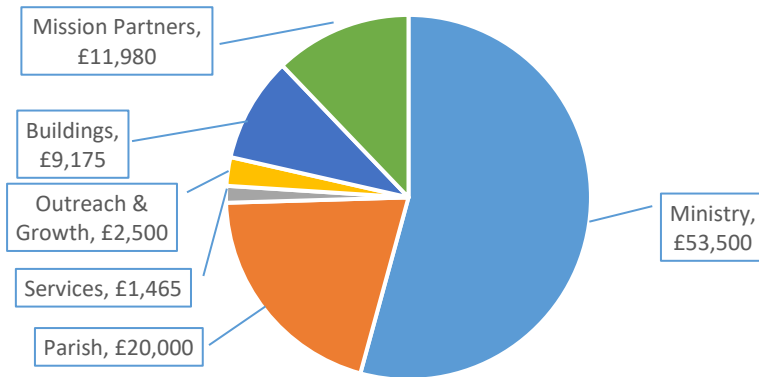
Target

We think that we need around £98,720 for this year. Without a significant increase in personal giving, we anticipate being £16,000 short of this target. Over the page there's a diagram of how we get the budget figure...

"Ministry" goes towards the cost of supporting Clergy. The Rector's stipend is £30,455 but there are many other costs (buildings, training, Diocesan staff etc).

"Buildings" includes energy costs, and some maintenance

"Outreach and Growth" is a remarkably low amount but covers the important costs of doing these vital parts of our mission.



Mission Partner Support

By giving to support our Mission Partners, we join with them in their Gospel work, to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need.” (Philippians 4:16)

For 2024 about 10% of our budget will be sent to Mission Partners. This means that everyone who gives will be contributing towards this.

These are our Mission Partners in 2024:

Tim Curtis



Tim works with the Church Mission Society in Paraguay, encouraging the use of his recently translated Enxet Bible

Joe and Rachel Clarke



Joe and Rachel were at St Martins, and now are with Crosslinks in Coimbra, Portugal, working with students.

Matt & Katy Linley



Matt and Katy work with Africa Inland Mission in Kenya, where Katy is a hospital doctor, and Matt is serving cross-cultural mission efforts.

Marije
Nastu



Marije is with London City Mission and works across London encouraging Gospel work with children through churches

James &
Carolynn
Webb



NEW partners James & Carolynn are in Zalla, Vizcaya – the Basque region of Spain – planting a church.

Please prayerfully consider your giving

We're very grateful for everything that is given, in whatever way it has been given – thank you! Do look up the Bible passages quoted in the leaflet and see their context. Please pray, asking for wisdom to know how much to give.

Please think about whether you can increase your regular giving – and please make sure that you are using Gift Aid if you can.

“Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.” (2 Corinthians 8:2-3)

We encourage people to **give by standing order** (easy if you use online banking), and, if you are a UK tax payer, **completing a Gift Aid declaration** that will allow us to claim tax you have paid back from the Government.

David Heath-Whyte

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Sort Code: 08-92-99, Account No: 65524275

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Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made

today in the past 4 years in the future *Please tick all boxes you wish to apply.*

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand St Lawrence Church will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Signature

Date

Please notify us if you: Want to cancel this declaration / Change your name or home address / No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

*Please send the completed form to Clare Thomas, St Lawrence DCC Treasurer, c/o St Lawrence Church Office, London Road, Morden, SM4 5QT
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